2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Report of Main Committee III

Establishment and terms of reference

1. Pursuant to rule 34 of its rules of procedure, the Conference established Main Committee III as one of its three Main Committees and decided to allocate to it the following items for its consideration (see document NPT/CONF.2015/1).

Item 16. Review of the operation of the Treaty, as provided for in its article VIII, paragraph 3, taking into account the decisions and the resolution adopted by the 1995 Review and Extension Conference, the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference and the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions of the 2010 Review Conference:

(d) Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty relating to the inalienable right of all parties to the Treaty to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination and in conformity with articles I and II:

(i) Articles III, paragraph 3, and IV, preambular paragraphs 6 and 7, especially in their relationship to article III, paragraphs 1, 2 and 4, and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5;

(ii) Article V;

(e) Other provisions of the Treaty.

Item 17. Role of the Treaty in the promotion of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and of nuclear disarmament in strengthening international peace and security, and measures aimed at strengthening the implementation of the Treaty and achieving its universality.

2. Pursuant to rule 34 of its rules of procedure, the Conference also approved the establishment of Subsidiary Body 3 under Main Committee III to address "Peaceful uses of nuclear energy and other provisions of the treaty; and improving the effectiveness of the strengthened review process." The Conference also decided that the Subsidiary Body would be open-ended and that its meetings would be held in private. It further decided that Subsidiary Body 3 would hold at least four meetings within the overall time allocated to Main Committee III and that the outcome of its

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work would be reflected in the report of that Committee to the Conference (see document NPT/CONF.2015/DEC.2).

Officers of the Committee

3. The Conference unanimously elected Mr. David Stuart (Australia) as the Chair of the Committee, and Mr. Julio Bravo (Chile) and Mr. Kanat Tumysh (Kazakhstan) as Vice-Chairs.

4. Subsidiary Body 3 was chaired by Ambassador Kairat Abdrakhmanov (Kazakhstan).

Documents before Main Committee III

5. The Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) **Background and conference papers**

NPT/CONF.2015/1	Final report of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/2	Activities of the African Commission on Nuclear Energy: memorandum of the African Union Commission
NPT/CONF.2015/3	Implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and previous Review Conference outcomes: report submitted by Portugal
NPT/CONF.2015/5	Memorandum of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean
NPT/CONF.2015/9	Implementation of the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Ireland
NPT/CONF.2015/10	Report submitted by France under actions 5, 20 and 21 of the Final Document of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/11	Implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Finland
NPT/CONF.2015/12	Report on the activities of Australia in support of the implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

NPT/CONF.2015/13	Activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency relevant to article III of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: background paper prepared by the secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency
NPT/CONF.2015/14	Activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency relevant to article IV of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: background paper prepared by the secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency
NPT/CONF.2015/15	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Cuba
NPT/CONF.2015/16	Ninth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Chile
NPT/CONF.2015/17	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty: national report submitted by New Zealand
NPT/CONF.2015/21	Substantive matters before the Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: paper submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic
NPT/CONF.2015/22 and Rev.1	Implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Switzerland
NPT/CONF.2015/25	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Poland
NPT/CONF.2015/26	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and paragraph 4 (c) of the 1995 Decision on Principles and Objectives for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament: report submitted by Morocco
NPT/CONF.2015/27	Report on the implementation of the action plan adopted by the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Romania
NPT/CONF.2015/28	Implementation of the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: summary update to the reports submitted by Austria
NPT/CONF.2015/29	National report on the implementation of actions 5, 20, and 21 of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
NPT/CONF.2015/30	National implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Brazil

NPT/CONF.2015/31	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Brazil
NPT/CONF.2015/32	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in China: report submitted by China
NPT/CONF.2015/33	Implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and previous Review Conference outcomes: report submitted by the Netherlands
NPT/CONF.2015/34	Implementation of the action plan agreed at the 2010 Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report by Canada
NPT/CONF.2015/38	Actions 5, 20 and 21 of the action plan of the 201 Review Conference to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by the United States of America
NPT/CONF.2015/39	Implementation of the action plan of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Belgium
NPT/CONF.2015/42	Mise en œuvre du Traité sur la non-prolifération des armes nucléaires: rapport présenté par l'Algérie
NPT/CONF.2015/44	Implementation of the conclusions and recommendations for follow-on actions agreed to during the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: national report submitted by South Africa
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.1	Addressing "Vienna issues": the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, compliance and verification, export controls, cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, nuclear safety, nuclear security and withdrawal from the Non-Proliferation Treaty: working paper submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden ("the Vienna Group of Ten")
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.5	The inalienable right to develop research, production and uses of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.10	The international efforts of France to secure radioactive sources: working paper submitted by France
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.11	Support for the development of a global civil nuclear liability regime: working paper submitted by France
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.12	Preparedness and response to nuclear and radiological emergencies: working paper submitted by France

NPT/CONF.2015/WP.16	Recommendations for consideration by the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: joint working paper submitted by the members of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates)
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.17	Transparency by non-nuclear-weapon States parties: joint working paper submitted by the members of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (Australia, Canada, Chile, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Turkey and United Arab Emirates)
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.18	Enhancement of peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology: working paper submitted by Japan
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.20	Multilateral nuclear supply principles of the Zangger Committee: working paper submitted by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America as members of the Zangger Committee
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.24	Substantive recommendations for incorporation into the final document of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper submitted by the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.32	Transparency, reporting and strengthening the review process: working paper submitted by Japan
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.34	Disarmament and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and nuclear non-proliferation: working paper submitted by Bahrain on behalf of the League of Arab States
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.35	Capacity-building initiative: an informal group to support capacity-building networking, in the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency: working paper submitted by France and Romania
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.36	Comprehensive implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and active promotion of global nuclear governance: working paper submitted by China
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.38	Peaceful use of nuclear energy: working paper submitted by Egypt

NPT/CONF.2015/WP.43	The inalienable right to develop research, production and uses of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.46	Implementing the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: peaceful uses of nuclear energy: working paper submitted by the United States of America
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.47	Addressing withdrawal from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper submitted by Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America
NPT/CONF.2015/WP.51	The right to peaceful uses of nuclear energy: working paper submitted by Algeria

(b) **Documents submitted to Main Committee III**

NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/WP.1	Working paper of the Chair of Subsidiary Body 3
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/WP.2	Working paper of the Chair of Main Committee III
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/CRP.1, Rev.1-4	Draft working paper of the Chair: Main Committee III (and revised drafts)
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/CRP.2	Proposals of Movement of Non-Aligned countries States parties as of 12 May
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/CRP.3	Proposals of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran as of 12 May
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/CRP.4	Draft report of Main Committee III
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/CRP.5	Comments of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries: revised draft working paper of the Chair: Main Committee III
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/CRP.6	Proposals of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the revised draft working paper of the Chair: Main Committee III
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/INF/1	Draft programme of work: 4-22 May 2015 — Main Committee III and Subsidiary Body 3
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/INF/1/Rev.1	Revised draft programme of work: 4-22 May 2015 — Main Committee III and Subsidiary Body 3
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/INF/2 and Rev.1	Draft indicative timetable: Main Committee III and Subsidiary Body 3

(c) Documents submitted to Subsidiary Body 3

NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/SB.3/CRP.1	Subsidiary Body 3: Draft report of the Chair
NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/SB.3/CRP.2	Proposals of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Work of the Committee

6. The Committee held 10 meetings and the Subsidiary Body 3 held 4 meetings from 4 to 18 May 2015. An account of the discussions is contained in the relevant summary records. As the meetings of Subsidiary Body 3 were closed meetings, there are no official records of those meetings. After a general exchange of views and an item-by-item consideration of the agenda items allocated to it, the Committee proceeded to consider the proposals and documents submitted to the Committee and listed in paragraph 5 above. The various views expressed and the proposals made are reflected in the summary records of the Committee and in the working papers submitted to it. Those summary records and working papers form an integral part of the report of the Committee to the Conference.

7. At the fourth meeting of Subsidiary Body 3, on 13 May, the Chair concluded that there was no consensus and issued a working paper on the status of deliberations in Subsidiary Body 3 (NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/WP.1).

8. At the tenth meeting of the Main Committee, on 18 May, the Chair concluded that there was no consensus on the substantive part of the report and issued a working paper reflecting the discussion in the Main Committee, including the final revisions as orally amended by the Chair (NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/WP.2).